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PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. FREDERICK DEBLOIS BUSH
is Admitted a PARTNER in our
Firm from this date, and Mr. GEORGE
H. WHEELER is authorized to sign our
Name.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, 1st January, 1882. ap15

NOTICE.

WE Have been appointed AGENTS for the
MITSU BUSSAN KAJSHA,
of Tokio, at THIS PORT.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their
GOODS by Messrs KYNOCH & Co.,
Winton, near BRIMINGHAM.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1881. ap18

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COM- PANY, LIMITED.

ON and after this Date the Undersigned
RESUMES its Duties as SECRETARY of
the Company.

By Order of the Directors,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 20, 1882. ap18

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....\$2,100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—WM. REINERS, Esq.

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MANAGER.

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LONDON BANKERS—London and County
Bank

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ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 per cent. " "
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and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, March 22, 1882.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS.
(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1846.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION of 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....\$23,200,000.

RESERVE FUND.....\$300,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BEAUREGARD,
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AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,
MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,
LYON, CALCUTTA, BANGKOK,
NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW,
MELBOURNE, and SYDNEY.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND,
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON,
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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed
Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on
application, grants Drafts and Credits on
all parts of the World, and transacts every
description of Banking-Exchange Business.

F. COCHINARD,

Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$1,500,000.

DATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED OR DE-
POSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 % per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which
may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1870.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company \$1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up \$1,000,000.
Reserve Fund up to date \$1,200,000.
Annual Income \$2,500,000.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to give
Information of current interest.

HOLIDAY WINE & CO.
Hongkong, October 15, 1882.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

WE the Undersigned, beg to draw your
attention to the fact that we were
put into great trouble by the Chinese
Customs Officers at Shanghai, and request
that you will insert the following in the
columns of your to-night's issue:

We embarked in the steamer Chinkung
of Messrs Siemens & Co., from Shanghai
for Hongkong on the 23rd inst., and
brought with each of us food for the
voyage.

On coming on board, we met the Officers
who cut our parcels of the food, and
finding it was rice, they seized it; we
immediately brought the matter to the
knowledge of the Captain of the ship, who
came with Chief Mate and Comptrollers to
advise them to give up the seizure, but
in vain; and only five packages of rice
were left to us, which was only sufficient
for two days' supply to us
(amounting to over one hundred mouths).
After the seizure had taken place, we
went on shore intending to buy what
rice we could get, but unfortunately it was
night, and the shops were all shut. With
this disappointment we went on board
again to wait until next day to go on shore
to buy, but the Captain insisted that he
could not lose one hour to allow us to do so
and the steamer started.

After two days we actually finished all
our provisions. Happily the Captain and
Comptrollers were kind to us; they consulted
together, and agreed to take the great
trouble of sailing into Amoy where we
bought our food. Fortunately during the
whole voyage, the weather was fine; otherwise if the vessel had encountered
bad weather and had we thus
been detained on the voyage for any length
of time, all on board certainly would have
been starved.

Under these circumstances it appears that
in our case the actions of the Customs
Officers had little less effect than those of
pirates, while at the same time they con-
travened the conditions of the Treaty,
which allows that each Passenger can bring
a certain quantity of rice without paying
duty.

TANG YIN FUN,
Master of Wo Loong, Shanghai.

CHUN LAU CHO,
Master of Sun Kee, Shanghai.

And all the Passengers on Board the
Steamer during the voyage.

Hongkong, March 29, 1882. ap13

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE—1881.

IN LIQUIDATION.

THE LIQUIDATORS having decided to
Pay a FIRST DIVIDEND of \$800
per Share (being on account of Capital and
Reserve Fund), Shareholders are hereby
notified that the said Sum will be paid them
out of their SCRIP CERTIFICATES
to be called the Undersigned.

F. B. JOHNSON, | Liquidators.

E. F. ALFORD, | Liquidators.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, 1881.

Hongkong, March 29, 1882.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instruc-
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 31st day of March, 1882, at Noon, at
the Marine House, Queen's Road,—

Under a Bill of Sale,

THE STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE,
FIXTURES, &c.,
of the late E. CHARTEL, Deceased, com-
prising—

ONE Soda Water MACHINE.

PORT Soda WATER BOTTLES.

CHABET of DIFFERENT BRANDS.

CHAMPAGNE of DIFFERENT BRANDS.

PORT, SHERRY, WHISKY, MARASQUINO,

CURAÇAO, CHARTREUSE, PRESERVED FRUITS
in BOTTLES, &c., &c.

LETTERS, NOTE and PRINTING PAPER,
&c., &c., &c.

To Be Sold in Lots to suit Purchasers.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS of SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 25, 1882. mrs1

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have been instructed of
the Administrator of the Estate of

MARIA COLLAZO (Deceased);

to Sell by Public Auction, at No. 73,

Hollywood Road, on

FRIDAY,

the 31st March, 1882, at 2 p.m.—

THE WHOLE of the
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
WEARING APPAREL,
&c., &c., &c.,

belonging to the above Estate.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery, &c., &c., as
customary.

ECIA DA SILVA & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 23, 1882. mrs1

FOR Sale.

FOR SALE.

MESSRS. W. J. LOCKETT'S Cele-
brated BRANDS, THREE-FLAILED EX-
PORT PALE ALE, and FINDLATER'S ***
DUBLIN STOUT in Pints and Quarts.

Fine OLD PORT in Cases of 1 dozen.

Also,

SILLERY MOUSSEAU (VIN DE
CHAMPAGNE), in Cases 2 dozen Pints and 1
dozen Quarts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

FOR SALE.

J. U. L. S. M. M. & Co.

CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....\$17 per 1 doz. Case.

Pints.....\$18 per 2 doz.

GIB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

TO LET.

GENUINE MADEIRA WINE, 1870,

\$22 per Dozen.

OLD SUPERIOR PORT (BASTARDOS),

\$15 per Dozen.

Apply to

L. THEVENIN,

Hongkong Hotel Building.

Hongkong, March 21, 1882. ap12

TO LET.

N. O. 6, Lower Mosque Terrace, END
HOUSE, Immediate Possession.

Apply to

" A. B. C."

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE.

CHRISTMAS STORES AND NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.

EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.
MUSCATEL RAISINS.

METZ FRUIT.

ASSORTED COSAQUES.

OALAND & BOWER'S CONFECTIONERY.

BUTTER SCOTCH.

HONEY SCOTCH.

ROSE TOFFEE.

LEMON TOFFEE.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

PLUM PUDDINGS.

PATRAS CURRANTS.

VALENCIA RAISINS.

MACKINNON PEN.

LIVERMORE PEN.

LAWN TENNIS BATS.

LAWN TENNIS BALLS.

LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

EX STEAMER "Glenfield."

STILTON CHEESE.

YORK HAMS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES.

THREE-DECKER DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS AND RAISINS.

SMIRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

FILBERTS.

COCCOTINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

LURIGAN & EPP'S COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

HUNTER & PALMER'S BISCUITS.

FATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

CHOCOLATE—MENIER.

SAUSAGES.

BRAUNS.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES.

HEDDERICK'S MONOPOLE & WHITE SEAL.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts;

CLARETS—

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, "

Ines GRAVES, "

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACONNE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACCONNE'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1849).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1, 2 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BRIGGS DURGEE & Co.'S BRANDY.

FRIST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KRALIAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENLEE WHISKY.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA.

BOHEMIA'S AND ORANGE BITTERS.

&c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by R. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.

Fresh ROLL BUTTER.

Eastern and Californian CHEESE.

Bouillon CODFISH.

Prime HAMS and BACON.

Russian CAVIARE.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.

Fielded OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.

Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Gutting's Desert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robins's Celebrated Potted MEATS.

Richardson & Robins's Curried OYSTERS.

Lance TONGUE.

McCauley's Super LEMONADE.

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 2½ lb cans.

etc., etc., etc.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BISCUITS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RYE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED CIGARS.

Nine New Season's OUMSHAW TEA, in 5 and 10 oz tins.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPHANDLERY of every Description.

RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly executed.

Hongkong, January 26, 1882.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "Glenorchy" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m., To-day, the 25th Inst.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 31st Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, March 25, 1882. ap1

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex *Inland*.

200 (in dia.), No. 268/7—30 cases Vermouth, Order, from Marseilles.

Ex *Natal*.

S W (in dia.), No. 7—1 case Perfumery, Order, from London.

213 (in dia.), No. 38/42—5 cases Papier, Order, from Marseilles.

G. de CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, March 20, 1882.

Intimations.

TOK KEE,

COAL MERCHANT,

33, WING HING LANE, HONGKONG,

KEEPS on hand for Sale all kinds of

STEAM COAL of the best quality, at

moderate rate; also has always Powerful

STEAM LAUNCHES for HIRE at a reasonable

charge, either for special Purposes, Excursions,

or Towns.

Hongkong, January 13, 1882. iy13

THE F.A.R.E.A.S.T.

THE ISSUES OF 1878 WANTED.

Apply to this Office.

Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

No. 4.—VOL. X.

OF THE

"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

The A-Mi-t'ing China.

A Page in the History of China.

"The Dulegates Version" and Mr. Giles.

Residence in the Interior and the Transit Trade.

Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries.

Slavery in China.

Rotation of Departmental Duty at Peking.

Quails' "Emblems" and the Lok Ü.

Limit of Responsibility for Effects of Wounds according to Chinese Law.

"Sui" and "Tau".

A Correction.

Erata: Chinese Caths in Borneo and Java.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

Hongkong, March 17, 1882.

INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS of the above Company, are authorized to Insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to Grant Insurances against FIRE at Current Rates.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George the First, A.D. 1

Thomsett, with refusal of duty, by Captain M. Dodd. No explanation was given of why they refused work, and after stating that they would rather go to gaol than return to duty, they were sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour at the order of the Captain.

In consequence of the death of the Marine Sorter at Singapore, the English Mail will not be ready for distribution for 2 hours and a half, at least, after its receipt in the office. During the sorting of the Mail, access to the Post Office can only be had at the Comptroller's window. This delay shows how great is the importance of the Marine Sorter and the benefit rendered to the community by his services.

We understand that the Canadian Blondin, who has been rivalling the feats of his great original in India, Siam, and Manila, is expected to arrive here within the next few days, and will probably perform on the unoccupied site of the Government Central School, corner of Aberdeen Street and Hollywood Road. From the notices which we have seen, this tight-rope performer appears to do the most daring feats known in this branch of gymnastic science.

We understand that Mr W. M. Duane, Captain Superintendent of Police, leaves for Home by the French mail steamer on Monday week on four months' leave of absence. It may be noted that Captain Duane obtained his leave over two months ago, and we are sorry to add that his health renders the run Home advisable. Mr M. S. Tomochy, superintendent of the Gaol, will, it is said, also proceed Home on a short term of leave—probably by the same steamer.

It is a fact of some interest to the Tea Trade of China that the Russian Government has decided upon levying a duty on all East Indian Tea, carried overland into Russian Turkestan. The object of this embargo, which extends to cambric and indigo, cannot be definitely understood. The apparent solution is, that it is an attempt to restrict British trade in Central Asia, and thereby give Russian trade opportunity for developing in the same region. This would naturally strengthen Russian influence more firmly in Central Asia. It is, therefore, more a political than a fiscal measure. We pointed out some time back that the tea trade from Russia into Turkestan—which, however, never attained any dimensions—had, for many years, wholly ceased, owing to the competition from India and China; and it appears now that Russia is making an effort towards reviving it.

It is a surprising fact—but true nevertheless—that the town of Rangoon, which is ten years younger than Hongkong, and possesses an indigenous supply of refined petroleum or kerosine, is about to be lighted by electricity. For purposes of comparison we may inform our readers that the population of Rangoon is about equal to that of Hongkong, but it covers a very much larger extent of ground. The Eastern Electric Light and Power Company have undertaken to illuminate the town of Rangoon throughout within six months at an annual charge of \$22,000. This is just about the cost at which the streets of Hongkong are lighted—the outlay on this head, according to Governor Hennessy's Annual Statement, being \$21,418 for the year 1881. We shall return to this subject on a future occasion.

To-day Captain Thomsett took his seat on the Bench as Police Magistrate in room of Dr Stewart, who has been appointed Acting Colonial Secretary. Captain Thomsett, who is one of the oldest public servants in the Colony, has had considerable experience as Marine Magistrate, and it is to be supposed this will stand him in good stead in his new appointment. It looks as if the Marine were to be conjoined with the Police Magistracy, and with a goutman on the Police Bench who thoroughly understands nautical matters, this would in the most instances be a great convenience. It is a pointed commentary on the policy of Sir John Pope Hennessy that the men whom he took most trouble to get under his knees, are those who, now that he has departed, are being appointed to perform important functions. In this respect at least the representations of our late Governor have not been intended to win much attention by the home authorities.

"LA TRAVIATA."

Last evening the Italian Opera Company played Verdi's "La Traviata" to a fairly good house, the stalls and pit being very well filled. The rendering of this fine opera was not by any means what was to be expected from the Company. During the whole of the evening the pieces moved on in a strained kind of way, and although the audience were most indulgent, many of the brightest ears fell flat, and failed to raise that enthusiasm which was naturally to be expected in the listeners. Signor Pinelli as Violetta exerted himself to the utmost, but was never equal to the role, although in some parts she acted creditably, and once or twice received the plaudits of the audience. Signor Vanzetti was not in his usual good form, and therefore failed to infuse into his part the spirit necessary to its effective representation. Signor Chord was in good voice, and added to his wonted pavid manner, but even he seemed

to have been affected by the contagion of dullness and did not by any means act with the same grace and force as he usually does. The other members of the Company went through what they had to do in their usual style. We do not wish to be severe; but the fact nevertheless remains that the representation given of "La Traviata" was a feeble one. We know the Company are capable of better things, and trust to see an improvement in their next appearance.

THE PROPOSED KRAW CANAL.

A correspondent sends us the following notes regarding this new scheme—

This is essentially an age of Canals. An agitation springing up in reference to a canal across the Isthmus of Kraw, but confined to those who know but very little of that region. They dilate upon the immense advantages to the whole Eastern trade of Japan, China, Saigon, and Siam that would accrue by the opening of such a water-way; and, as is customary in all such proposals, adduce an immense array of figures of tonnage, &c., in support. They descant upon the negligence of the British Government in not being sufficiently alive to the value of this narrow neck of land, and deplore the remissness that failed to secure it by purchase or otherwise.

We propose to analyse the question from first to last.

In the first place, from an engineering stand-point, the canal is not feasible. The width of the Isthmus at its narrowest—not necessarily the most advantageous—part, is 75 miles; that is, three times the length of the Panama Canal now in course of construction. A mountain range, with peaks rising to an elevation of 6,000 feet above the level of the sea, would have to be perforated or cut through. This mass of chiefly granitic rocks occupies nearly the full width from sea to sea. Money can accomplish anything; but even the most sanguine would hardly expect a capital equal to that required for the Suez Canal to be forthcoming for a little-known and comparatively useless scheme as that under discussion.

To view the matter nautically. The Canal would be only available for steamships. All sailing vessels from the Eastern Seas, and some steamers, going directly Home invariably take the Straits of Sunda, and not the Straits of Malacca, which is the quickest passage into the Indian Ocean. From a commercial stand-point, the proposed Canal would evade both Singapore and Penang. Singapore is the great trading depot of the Archipelago, and Penang that of the Native States of the Peninsula and Sumatra; and it is only on this account that they are ever visited by outward or inward vessels.

Financially, the saving of 600 miles that would be gained in 3,100—from, say, Hongkong—by this evasion, in the abstract, into the Bay of Bengal, would be almost counterbalanced by going down around Galle. But, the most important consideration of all—Canal dues—have not been taken into account; and when these are duly weighed the project must be consigned to the limbo of wild and chimical ideas!

The French Government are apparently negotiating with the Siamese State in connection with the possession of this tract of land. French Statesmen are far-seeing, always with an eye to the future. But their notions always take a practical form. A Frenchman has satisfied his Government that a railway across the Isthmus is possible at a reasonable cost, and that when the surrounding countries—Burma, Siam, Sumatra, Malaya—become a little more advanced in their present condition of progress, a railway would pay. It would not only be a success, but also have a political value. England holds the key of the Straits of Malacca—Penang and Singapore—would, in the event of an imbroglio, have the Eastern Settlements of France at her mercy, and Kraw would afford an alternative route. There is something in this; and we commend it to the attention of those most concerned.

SUPREME COURT. IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before the Hon. G. Phillipps, Chief Justice.)

Thursday, March 30.

(Before H. G. Thomsett, Esq.)

WONG HEEN FU AND OTHERS v. TANG ALOK.

The Attorney General (the Hon. E. L. O'Malley) instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr Francis, instructed by Messrs Dennis and Morris, represented the defendant.

This suit, which was partly heard last Tuesday, and which was adjourned to allow of the plaintiffs bringing rebutting evidence, was resumed to-day.

The action was brought to obtain a decree for specific performance, and on the last occasion the defendant had agreed to purchase lot No. 24 for \$25,500, \$3,000 of which had been paid as bargain money. The defendant asserted that there had been misrepresentation, and that the plaintiffs were not in a position to assign the property at the time stipulated in the contract.

Lee Sing Ho, the second plaintiff, was called and said that he had no connection with the negotiations for the sale of the property, but that he was present in his own shop in Wing Lok Street, when \$1,000 was paid as bargain money by the defendant, and for which there had been a ten-pound note from his aunt residing in London. Plaintiff handed them over to him, and stated, as also the sum of \$2,000 was stated, as also the sum of \$2,000 was the sum of the notes, which he did by going to Sergeant-Major Laurie and getting \$50 for one of them. The morning after this plaintiff came to his office, and said he had been cheated, not that there had been any time mentioned made of lot 516. He had been asked to endeavour to get the \$5,000 returned to the defendant, and he

had never seen the receipt given by the plaintiff for the \$1,000. This finished the evidence.

Mr Francis addressing his Lordship contended that the defendant had withdrawn from the contract before the time stated for the completion of the contract, and that the plaintiff were not in a position to assign the property on the 15th December, the time agreed on.

The Attorney General combated this view, and asserted that his clients were in a position to assign the property at the time appointed.

His Lordship reserved judgment.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Hon. G. Phillipps, Chief Justice.)

Thursday, March 30.

CHOW SUM FUNG.—On the application of Mr Mossop, of Messrs Dennis and Morris, Chow Sum Fung, who lately carried on business as a money changer at 46 Bonham Strand, was adjudicated bankrupt, and the 13th of April was fixed for the first meeting of creditors.

TSANG MAH HING.—Adjudication was also granted to Tsang Man Hing, lately rent collector, on Mr Mossop's application, and the 13th of April was fixed for the first meeting of creditors.

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wodehouse, Esq.)

Thursday, March 30.

ROGUE AND WAGABOND.

Chum I, hawker, was convicted of gambling at Sam Sui Po Dock yesterday and also trying to bribe the constable who arrested him. He was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment with hard labour, the 40 cents with which he attempted the bribery and the money and gambling implements found were forfeited.

ALLOWING A PRISONER TO ESCAPE.

Char Ashing was charged by Inspector Lindsay with allowing a prisoner to escape from his custody on the 20th instant. On that day a prisoner was sentenced to 10 days' imprisonment, and was taken by the constable from the Court to the Sheriff's room to wait there for the committal warrant, during which time the prisoner made his escape. The defendant admitted the charge, and stated that while the usher was asking the prisoner his name, he, the constable, entered into conversation with the Sheriff, thinking the usher would look after the prisoner. He was fined \$5, in default of payment seven days' imprisonment. The prisoner has again been apprehended by another constable.

RIGID BEHAVIOUR AND CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Lam A-I was charged with creating a disturbance in the brothel of Lam Ut Kam, 71 Cochrane Street, on the 30th instant.

The defendant was proved to have entered the brothel this morning, and, after being refused a sum of money he had demanded, knocked about the chairs and tables, and created some disturbance.

He was fined \$2, in default of payment seven days' imprisonment with hard labour.

The British steamer "Horace," Captain Lundvall, arrived at Manila from Singapore and the 16th March.

The British steamer "Proprius" left Manila for Singapore and London on the 16th March.

The permission solicited by a Chinaman, named Cu-Sau-ko for exporting goods from the island of Parangus to Hongkong, has been refused by a decree dated 2nd March.

Attention has been called by the Inspector of Hills to the superfluous cutting of timber at a particular place, as reducing vegetation or trees to a certain extent at a particular spot may cause disorder to the public health.

The precious metals imported and exported from these Islands during the first fortnight of March are as follows:—Imported: \$242 in gold and \$32,424 in silver; exported: \$3,000 in gold; all of Spanish coinage.

The Belgian barque "Elizabeth," Captain H. Bothler, arrived at Manila on the 17th March, 39 days from Point de Galle.

The American ship "Belle Morse" left Manila for Boston on the 18th March.

A sugar refinery is being built in Hongkong, and a firm in Greenock will supply the machinery, which in itself represents a sum of £50,000. The enterprise is in Chinese hands, and the machinery will be shipped on board a steamer flying the flag of the Celestial Empire. The Chinese less no time, and extend their trade to all classes of enterprises.

The facts of the 16th March published a decree from the Governor General of the Philippines, which was as follows:—It is published for general information that on the 29th of January last, a station has been established to the N.E. of the island of Bongao, of the Tawi-Tawi group, in the archipelago of Soolon, holding on the most prominent point of the same the national ensign, and thus effectively occupying the said islands. And in compliance with the 3rd article of the Protocol of the 11th March 1877, agreed between Spain, England and Germany, this is published in the "Gaceta Oficial" for general information.

Mr George Mackenzie, having returned from England, has resumed the charge of H. B. M. Consulate in this capital. A correspondent from Zambanga, writing under date of March 15th, among other things said:—"The chief of the Division has returned on board the "Strass," having left completely installed a military station in the newly occupied part of Bongao, which an excellent base.

On the evening of the 26th March, a message was received from the Central Telegraph Office, as follows:—"Vigil, 3.07 p.m., earthquake of little violence, causing 3 seconds."

A telegram received from Singapore stated that the new gunboat "Grosvenor" has passed that port for Manila.

Permit has been asked to publish a newspaper in Tagalog (native) language.

The "Gazette" observes that this is not the first time that permission has been asked for publication of that nature.

We learn that the new steamer "Fiji," consigned to Messrs Bishop & Co., Ltd., England for Manila on the 3rd March, and according to our information, she will be engaged in the coasting trade in this archipelago. We are in so doing that from day to day our coasting mercantile fleet is being augmented by fine steamers, in an evident proof of mercantile development in most of the provinces.

Mr Landau, a German, who arrived lately at Manila, left yesterday for the N.E. of the archipelago, taking the route from Batangas, San Isidro, Nueva Ecija, etc., up to Cagayan and Isabela, and intends to return by way of Roos. He took a German gentleman, who has been a long resident in the country, as interpreter also some native servants.

A number of beautiful scientific instruments for precise observations formed part of his luggage. We are unable to say how long the learned doctor will take to complete his scientific excursion, but certainly it will occupy a few months at least.

The work to be done is of great interest to the general public.

We learn that beside the steamer, which

Canton.

Black House, March 29th.

The telegram of the death of Longfellow,

America's most widely-recognized Poet,

is in a degree a sudden surprise, although he

had passed the 75th year of his well-spent

life; for the only intimation of impaired

health was the recent one that he had to

deny to visitors a personal reception

by himself. But the great calamity of his life,

resulting in the perishing of his wife by

fire, no doubt inflicted a shock impairing

the forces of nature in a degree the more

marked because of the singularly happy

fortune of his previous life.

At last tenders have been presented for the

naval service in Manilla in vessel

which had been given provisionally to

Messrs. Peña & Co. for the sum of \$3,934.

Telegraphic news was received stating

that the steamer "Leon XIII." left Singapore

on the night of the 15th March, for

Manila, the Captain remaining in Singapore

parts of call, and Singapore. She had

\$15,000 on board.

The German celebrated to-day,

the birthday of their Emperor. The Ger

man Consul at this place gave a banquet to

his countrymen in honor of the day.

The new steamer "Merrie" arrived from

Hongkong on the 22nd March, from Barcelona

parts of call, and Singapore. She had

\$15,000 on board.

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Mails.

Visitors' Column.

We have instituted as an experiment a **Visitors' Column**, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with which we have opened a **SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY**, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (3,000 volumes) and Museum.—Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with Pedder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, German Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's-throw.

Lusitano Club and Library, Shelley Street.

Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.

MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAM TO NAGASAKI AND KOBE,
VIA INLAND SEA.

THE S. S. *NIIGATA MARU*, Captain Wynn, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 31st March, at 4 p.m.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at the Office up to 1 m. of day of sailing.

No Bill of Lading signed under 32 Freight.

All Claims must be settled on-board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Cabin Steerage.

To KOBE, \$60 \$15.

" YOKOHAMA, 75 20.

" NAGASAKI, 40 10.

SHANGHAI via YOKOHAMA, 120 40.

" KOBE, 95 30.

A REDUCTION is made on Return Cabin

PASSENGERS.

CABO AND PASSENGERS for Yokohama will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's OFFICE, Praya Central, Ground Floor of Messrs. RUSSELL & CO.

H. J. H. TRIPP,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 27, 1882.

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STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON;

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N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK, AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship DECCAN, Captain N. B. CHAPMAN, with Her Majesty's Posts, will be despatched from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY, and SUEZ CANAL, on TUESDAY, the 4th April, 1882, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Point de Galle; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, direct one week later than by the ordinary direct route via Galle.

For further Particulars, regarding FREIGHT AND PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.

A. MCIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 24, 1882.

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Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE S. S. ARABIC will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 13th April, 1882, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office, until 6 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

A REDUCTION of 25% made on all RETURN PASSAGE ORDERS ISSUED.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Offices addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 60, Queen's Road Central.

CHARLES E. HASWELL, JR., Agent.

Hongkong, March 29, 1882.

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Intimations.

NEWS FOR HOME.

The *Guernsey China Mail*. (The oldest Guernsey Paper in China.) PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely-printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from the Daily *China Mail*, is published twice a month on the morning of the English Mail's departure, and is a record of each fortnight's current history of events in China and Japan contributed in original reports and collated from the journals published at the various ports in those Countries.

It contains Shipping News from Shanghai, Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete Commercial Summary.

Subscription, 50 cents per Copy (postage paid \$2 cents) \$12 per annum (postage paid \$2.50).

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

MARCH 30, 1882.

Stocks	No. of Shares	Value	Paid-up	Reserve	Working Account	Last Dividend	Closing Quotations	Cash
Bank	40,000	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 2,100,000	\$ 63,639.45	40	*113 1/2—\$2200	[P. sh]
INSURANCES.								
Nth. China Ins.	1,000	TL 2,000	TL 200	TL 238,600	TL 231,064.91	TL 75	TL 1175	"
Yangtze Ins.	1,200	TL 250	TL 250	TL 500,438	TL 18,447.66	12 1/2	TL 380	"
Union Ins. Soc.	500	TL 2,500	TL 2,500	TL 31,737	TL 437,038.08	\$144.27	\$1600	"
China Traders' Insurance	1,000	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,500	475,000	91,928.40	20%	\$1000
Cotton Ins. Co.	10,000	\$200	\$200	\$200	100,376	677.42	6%	\$250
Chinese Ins. Co.	1,500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	823,842	263,403.72	75	\$300
HK Fire Ins.	4,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	403,632	144,635.01	18%	\$200
China Fire Ins.	4,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	144,635.01	18%	\$200	"
STEAM COMPANIES.								
H.K. & C. M.	8,000	\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 135,000	18,008.06	5%	*98	"
H.K. & W. P. Co.	10,000	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 147,653	3,180.53	4%	*53 1/2 prem.	[1/24 p. sh]
H.K. & China	5,000	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	5,324.73	815	8164	"
H.K. & China	2,000	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	8	8100	"	"
H.K. & China Sugar Co.	6,000	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	1,880.51	810	8432	"
H.K. & China Ins.	1,250	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	6,250	100	100	"
H.K. & China Bakery	600	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	169.31	60	855	"
LOANS.								
Chi. Imp.	1,274	6,275	100	all	100	100	100	
Chi. Imp.	1,277	16,40	100	all	100	100	100	
Chi. Imp.	1,278	3,893	100	all	100	100	100	
Chi. Imp.	1,281	8,566	100	all	100	100	100	
Chi. Imp.	1,284	600,300	100	all	100	100	100	
Rates of Payable.								
June 30 Dec 31								
Feb. 28 Apr. 31								
June & Dec.								
Juno & Dec.								

* For half year ended 31st Dec., 1881. £ For 30th April, 1882.

+ For half year ended 30th June, 1881. \$ For 1st July, 1882.

EDWARD GEORGE, Share Broker.

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